

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the originally filed claims with the following amended claims:

1. (Original) A limb protection device for protecting a section of a user's limb, the device comprising:
  - an enclosure for enclosing the limb section; and
  - at least one flexible cuff integral with and away from which the enclosure extends, the cuff defining an opening into the device and having a tapered profile arranged to allow, in use, the selection of an appropriately sized opening into the device, whereby the appropriately sized opening in the cuff is selectable to stretch around and compress against that part of the user's limb extending therethrough, to prevent the ingress of matter into the device immediately at the device opening.
2. (Original) A device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the cuff further comprises a series of spaced-apart protrusions extending along the length of the cuff, wherein the protrusions provide structural integrity to the cuff.
3. (Original) A device in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the protrusions are integrally moulded into the cuff.
4. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with Claim 2 ~~or Claim 3~~, wherein the protrusions are of a substantially semi-circular shape.
5. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1, wherein the cuff has a width that is greater than a wall thickness of the enclosure.
6. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the cuff is a continuation of the enclosure and is formed from ~~at least one of~~ the same material as the enclosure, ~~or is formed from~~ a different material ~~from~~ the enclosure, ~~or and~~ a more dense form of the same material[,] as the enclosure.

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7. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the cuff is formed from a resilient polymeric material such as latex, or elastic impregnated plastic, to enable its stretching during fitting and removal of the device to a limb.

8. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the enclosure [is] comprises a sleeve that is either:

- (a) closed at one end, with the cuff located at an opening at the other opposing end; or
- (b) open at opposing ends, with respective cuffs located at each end.

9. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with Claim 8, wherein the sleeve in (a) is releasably openable at [said] the one closed end for enabling access to the limb section when the device is fitted to a user.

10. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with Claim 9, wherein a press-seal opening is provided at [said] the one closed end.

11. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with ~~any one of claims 8 to 10~~ Claim 8, wherein the sleeve in (a) is adapted for receiving a user's hand or foot therein; and the sleeve in (b) is adapted for receiving the limb right therethrough, with the ~~cuff~~ cuffs being located on opposing sides of the limb section that is enclosed within the enclosure.

12. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 8, wherein at least one of the enclosure and/or and the cuff are is transparent.

13. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 8, wherein the enclosure is formed from a polymer that is integrally moulded with the cuff.

14. (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 8, wherein a therapeutic agent is provided in [the] an interior of the device.